



Five Things Your Pastor Wants You to Know in February 2018

A Note from the desk of Fr. Brannen:

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1. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and Masses will be offered at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Though it is not a holy day of obligation, please try to attend Mass that day and receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist to get your Lent off on the right foot. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all Masses: "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."
2. The Adoration Chapel is being finished and Perpetual Adoration will begin on the First Sunday of Lent; February 18th at 12 noon. The chapel will be blessed that day after the 10:30 Mass and the Eucharist will be enthroned for the first time! Please consider signing up for one hour a week, to pray in our new chapel, at least to give it a try during the six weeks of Lent. Our Lenten small groups will also be discussing "Living the Eucharist" so the Holy Spirit has orchestrated this theme for us!
3. The Blessed Sacrament Capital Campaign received more than \$61,000 in new gifts and pledges in January 2018, bringing our total raised to more than \$5.4 million! Thank you so much to all who have contributed. As we prepare for Phase II, please consider making a pledge or gift to our Campaign. Around \$4 million dollars will be needed to complete this entire project. Phase I of our Physical Plant construction and renovation will be completed soon, and Bp. Hartmayer will be coming for the formal blessing and dedication on the morning of Friday, April 27th.
4. The parking lot curb has been poured around the perimeter and installation of the very attractive permeable pavers has begun! We will have a very functional and beautiful parking lot soon. Three of our magnificent Oak Trees had to be removed on Victory Drive but new, young trees have already been planted.
5. Blessed Sacrament will be offering two special retreats in the month of April; one for men and one for women. These retreats are called "Welcome: Christ Renews His Parish". The two retreat teams (our parishioners) have been meeting almost weekly since the summer to prepare for these retreats and I want to highly recommend them to you! This retreat has been so successful in parishes all over the country that Matthew Kelly and his company Dynamic Catholic actually "purchased" the retreat and have slightly revised it making it even better. If you are asked to attend this retreat, please say yes. Or at least, do not say no unless and until you have prayed about it extensively. (This retreat can only hold so many people but it will continue to be offered each year, so that everyone can find a way to attend).

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